

ABSTRACT

5 An apparatus which is self-contained, disposable, utilized for protecting the distal lens of
endoscopes. The apparatus is sterile and is used as a holder or as an anti-fog solution
applicator for the scope while protecting it from impact with a shock absorbent outer
housing. A new method for protecting endoscopes by placing an inexpensive sterile
10 protective cover over the distal lens of the endoscope which entails, placing the protector
over the distal lens prior to medical procedure, protective cover is used intermittently
and repeatedly during the medical procedure when the scope is not in use. Finally, at the
end of the medical procedure the protective cover is placed over the distal lens and not
removed until the scope reaches the area where it will be cleaned and sterilized. By
15 protecting the scope prior to, during and after a medical procedure, endoscope repairs are
reduced thereby saving hospitals money.

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